

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I as defined by the Examiner, with traverse.

The Examiner correctly notes that a process of making a product and the product may be distinct inventions if the product as claimed can be made by another material different process. The Examiner suggests that the product as claimed here can be made by such a material different process "such as laminating by heat (welding) or glueing."

However, the Examiner has not established such a material different process. In particular, method claim 4 in step (c) states: "laminating the outer and inner layers together." Thus, claim 4 covers laminating by heat (welding) or glueing. According to the dictionary, the term "laminates" means "to unite (layers of material) by an adhesive or other means." Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, Springfield, Massachusetts (copy of definition enclosed). Clearly step (c) of claim 4 is sufficiently broad to cover laminating by heat (welding) or glueing. Therefore, the Examiner has not established that the product of claim 1 can be made by a materially different process than that of claim 4.

Please note that Applicant has added new claim 15 which is similar to claim 4 wherein "laminating" in step (c) has been replaced by "attaching." Certainly there is no materially different process than that of claim 15 for making the envelope of claim 2.

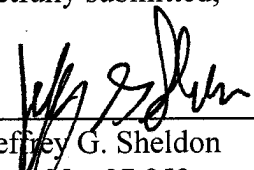
Applicant by this amendment has also added a product by process claim, namely claim 16. Since that claim depends from method claims 4 and 15, it is impossible for the product of claim 16 to be made by a materially different process.

In view of the foregoing arguments, all the claims presented herein should be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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